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Ms. Ann Marie Brady
Reports Analyst
Federal Election Commission
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: Requested Amendments

Dear Ms. Brady:

Your letter dated December 14, 2001 states in part that "all contributions made for the general election must be refunded to the contributors. Until these debts are refunded, they must be carried as debt on Schedule D of your report. Please submit an amended report . . ." Your comment overlooks our year-end report of a year ago, which documents those refunds made in accordance with your earlier instructions. We are having difficulty reconciling the conflicting instructions, as we cannot both refund general election contributions and carry those amounts as ongoing debts. Therefore, it would seem that the amendment you call for of the subsequent report is not necessary.

Your comment that "contributions to other committees . . . are not operating expenditures" is noted and your call for a separate Schedule B for such items is reflected in the current submission.

Finally, we have enclosed amended Summary and Detailed pages as requested to reflect only the current election cycle-to-date totals in Column B.

Thank you for your help.

Very truly yours,



cc: B. Thomas Byrne Jr., Esq.